

House Resolution 1155

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to help ensure that legislation that brings generic
2 biotech drugs to the market faster includes provisions to ensure that the public health is
3 protected and that the ability of biotech companies to recoup sufficient returns to keep them
4 investing in this important enterprise is also protected; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is at the epicenter of the explosion of life science discovery, and
6 innovation has fueled a dynamic economic engine for this state; and

7 WHEREAS, biotech companies have played a key role in the emergence of our state as a
8 global leader in the discovery of cures for diseases that were previously thought incurable;
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10 WHEREAS, the discovery and development of biologics is expensive and time-consuming;
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12 WHEREAS, the legislature wishes to ensure that Georgia's biotech companies remain
13 economically viable; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature also wishes to ensure that new drugs are adequately tested before
15 they are released to the market; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia is committed to the principle that these innovative new medicines be
17 safe and affordable and that biotech companies receive protection for their investment of
18 time and resources necessary for the complex development of innovative health care
19 breakthroughs.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 this body hereby urges the United States Congress to help ensure that any new legislation
22 that brings generic biotech drugs to the market faster includes provisions to ensure that the

1 public health is protected by adequate testing of follow-on biologics and that the ability of
2 biotech companies to recoup sufficient returns to keep them investing in this important
3 enterprise is also protected.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
6 congressional delegation.